

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
July 27, 2009

TIME The meeting convened at 6:40 P.M.

PRESENT Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Moore, Commissioners Berger, Fort, Kirola and Krongold.

ABSENT Commissioner Longley-Cook.

MINUTES

The June 29, 2009 minutes were approved with changes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no written communications.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chair of the Housing Commission (Art Kurrasch):

Mr. Kurrasch was not able to attend the meeting. Chair Lord-Hausman will contact him for another meeting date.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Needs-Special Services Resource Fair (Commissioner Krongold):

Discuss Special Need-Special Services Resource Fair.

Commissioner Krongold provided updates of confirmed registrations. Chair Lord-Hausman and Commissioner Krongold confirmed the next workgroup meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 1 and they will continue to reach out to organizations to participate.

Commissioner Fort stated that the East Bay Center for the Blind is discussing the possibility of participating.

Commissioner Krongold asked about reaching out to other organizations after the deadline to which the CDI agreed. Commissioner Krongold discussed the shuttle service. Per Jackie Krause, they are running four different stops, which will be ADA compliant. Jackie also suggested adding two buses for the end of the day. Certified volunteers will be available at either two or four of the locations to assist.

Commissioner Krongold discussed the Promotional Flyer which will be distributed at events, organizations and through mailings. Chair Lord-Hausman and Jim Franz have already provided comments.

Vice-Chair Moore suggested soliciting businesses to which Chair Lord-Hausman suggested contacting Jim Franz. Vice-Chair Moore also offered to provide a face-painting booth.

Vice-Chair Moore suggested contacting Starbucks as they participate in a lot of community events to which Commissioner Krongold responded that Committee members Jim and John are working on this.

2. CDI Meeting Start Time (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Secretary Akil acknowledged the report and bylaws and confirmed the official meeting start time to 6:30 p.m.

3. CDI Name Change (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Continue discussion regarding possible name changes.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Commission is considering changing the name to Commission on Accessibility Issues. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she attended ACTIA meeting, as the PAPCO Representative, and the word mobility was repeatedly discussed during the meeting.

Commissioner Krongold stated that mobility speaks to one group of people.

Commissioner Kirola stated that mobility removes the barriers, which is broad.

Vice-Chair Moore stated that the word only relates to transportation issues.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the word encourages people to get out, move around, connecting health, disability, elderly and accessibility.

Commissioner Kirola agreed to change the name to Commission on Accessibility Issues.

Chair Lord-Hausman moved to postpone the vote to August in order to receive Commissioner Longley-Cook's input.

Commissioner Krongold does not see the point in being a trend-setting City. People will not understand what the CDI is all about. She respects the sensitivity to language but stated that surrounding cities continue to use the word disability.

Commissioner Fort stated that Commissioner Krongold does make a good point. Consistency and uniformity with cities in the County of Alameda is important.

Vice-Chair Moore stated that she does not have a problem with either word as long as the language connotes positive feelings.

Chair Lord-Hausman recommended that everyone think about it, research and agendaize for August.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no staff communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Vice-Chair Moore spoke to the Director at Bananas and MEC (who work with families with disabilities) to get the name of the support group in our area. There is a big need for low-income families with disabilities who need transportation outside of their immediate area. Vice-Chair Moore will call back to follow up.
2. Chair Lord-Hausman spoke about PAPCO meeting she attended. Topics of discussion included elderly and the disabled inter-connecting in many ways, although the perception is that they are two separate groups. Chair Lord-Hausman suggested that the Commission begin thinking about elderly and disabled connections in Alameda. There was also discussion regarding crosswalk sensors. The meetings are the fourth Monday of every month.

Vice-Chair Moore stated that we should find ways to bridge the gap between the elderly and the disabled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary